

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Data Collection on Electronic Control Weapons (ECW) Use

The Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is required by law to develop a uniform protocol directing state police and municipal police to collect data on electronic control weapons (ECW) use (Chapter 170 of the Acts of 2004). This document describes the process for collecting data on ECW use and reporting the data to the Secretary.

How often will data be collected?

Approved agencies are required to submit reports on the use of ECWs on a quarterly basis. Reports are due two weeks after the end of a quarter.

Quarter	Time Period	Report Due Date
1 st	January 1 st – March 31 st	April 15, 2013
2 nd	April 1 st – June 30 th	July 15, 2013
3 rd	July 1 st – September 30 th	October 15, 2013
4 th	October 1 st – December 31 st	January 15, 2014

How are the quarterly reports submitted to EOPSS?

Reporting agencies can submit ECW Use Quarterly Reports by:

- Faxing the report to Brittany Peters at 617.725.0260; or
- Sending the report as an email attachment to Brittany Peters via email at Brittany.Peters@state.ma.us; or
- Mailing the report to Brittany Peters at the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Ten Park Plaza, Room 3720, Boston, MA 02116.

What data will be collected?

The Quarterly Report includes questions about the use of ECW's, including the number of officers trained in the use of ECWs, the number of ECWs the department owns, the number of incidents in which an ECW was involved (either by warning, displaying, or deploying by stun and/or probe function), information on whether the subject submitted, the gender of targets, and the race/ethnicity of targets.

Law enforcement agencies that have issued ECW's to their officers must submit a quarterly report ***even if ECW's were not used or were not issued*** during the quarter. In this case, indicate that ECW's were used in zero incidents.

The Quarterly Report includes information that is required by law to be reported to EOPSS. However, many law enforcement agencies collect extensive information about ECW use by their officers. For example, agencies collect information about the types of incidents in which the ECW's were used (e.g., drug/alcohol related, disturbance call, mental illness related), injuries to subjects or officers, and the outcome of the incident. EOPSS encourages law enforcement agencies to consider collecting more than the minimal amount of information that is required by law on the use of ECWs for their agency's internal use of force reports. Examples of the types of information that agencies may want to collect and policy considerations can be obtained from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and from the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

What will the Secretary of Public Safety and Security do with the data that are submitted?

The Secretary gives the collected data to a university in the Commonwealth that has experience analyzing this type of data. The university will conduct analyses of the data and prepare a report of its findings. The Secretary is then required to distribute the report to the Attorney General, the Department of State Police, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, and the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Who do I contact with questions about reporting requirements for ECW use?

Contact Brittany Peters at 617.725.3352 or by email at Brittany.Peters@state.ma.us.

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Calendar Year 2013

Agency Name:

Individual Completing Report:

Date Completed:

Phone Number:

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Please provide information that reflects use of electronic control weapons (ECWs) *during this quarter only*.

Police departments that have issued ECWs to their officers must submit a quarterly report ***even if ECWs were not used or were not issued*** during the quarter. In this case, please indicate that there were zero (0) incidents in which ECW's were used this quarter.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact Brittany Peters by phone at 617.725.3352 or via email at Brittany.Peters@state.ma.us.

Part I. Agency Level Information

1. How many sworn officers were in your department at the end of this quarter?	44
2. How many officers have completed the approved training program for ECWs?	32
3. How many ECWs does your department own?	21
4. In how many <i>incidents</i> was an ECW involved during this quarter? (An incident is an event in which the officer issued a warning or displayed or deployed an ECW.)	

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Part II. Incident Level Information

A: INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete one row for each officer involved in an incident in which an ECW was involved and the officer issued a warning or displayed or deployed an ECW. If more than one officer is involved in the same incident, use the same incident number for all officers in that incident. The number of incidents containing information should equal the total incidents reported in question #4 on page 2. Additional rows can be added to the table if necessary.

Please provide information that reflects use of electronic control weapons (ECWs) *during this quarter only* (not including usage during trainings, testing, or usage on animals).

- Warning Type – More than one response may be entered. Please indicate all that apply:
 - N/A = not applicable (no warning given)
 - V = verbal warning used
 - L = laser function used
 - S = spark function used
- For Deployment Type – Please indicate the number of each deployment type in ALL applicable columns:
 - STUN DEPLOYMENT = number of times drive stun function used
 - PROBE DEPLOYMENT = number of times probe function used and includes follow-up drive stun when a single probe is still attached
- Subject Submitted: Indicate whether each warning, probe, or stun resulted in the submission or cooperation of the subject. If subject did not submit (e.g., through flight or continued resistance), please answer “no”. If a subject submitted for reasons *other than* ECW use, such as hands-on techniques, pepper spray, or baton use, enter “no” in “Subject Submitted” columns.
- Race/Ethnicity – Please indicate the racial/ethnic composition of the targets of all ECW drive stuns or probes.
 - A = Asian or Pacific Islander
 - B = Black
 - H = Hispanic
 - I = Native American, American Indian, or Alaskan Native
 - M = Middle Eastern or East Indian
 - W = White

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B: EXAMPLES OF INCIDENT LEVEL INFORMATION:

Incident Number	Weapon Serial Number	Date of Incident	Warning Type	Did Subject Submit? Y/N	# of Probe Deployments	Subject Submitted? Y/N	# of Stun Deployments	Did Subject Submit? Y/N	Target's Gender	Target's Race / Ethnicity
1A	XX12345	1/1/13	S	No	0	N/A	2	Yes	M	W
1B	C23456	1/1/13	N/A	N/A	1	Yes	0	N/A	M	W
2	11234DE	2/5/13	V	No	0	N/A	1	No	F	B
3	B23456	3/7/13	V, L, S	No	1	No	3	No	M	A
4	W78514	3/15/13	V	Yes	0	N/A	0	N/A	M	H
5	X225844	3/31/13	N/A	N/A	1	Yes	1	No	M	I

C: CURRENT INCIDENT LEVEL INFORMATION*

Incident Number	Weapon Serial Number	Date of Incident	Warning Type	Did Subject Submit? Y/N	# of Probe Deployments	Subject Submitted? Y/N	# of Stun Deployments	Did Subject Submit? Y/N	Target's Gender	Target's Race
1	X00480891	11/26/13	V,L	Yes	0	Yes	0	N/A	M	W

**If necessary, please insert additional columns.*

Part III. Additional Information

If there is any other information you would like to report, including details regarding a specific incident or incidents, please use this space to do so.